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SUBJ: SIERRA RUTILE LTD. (SRL)

1. E. F. CRUFT, PRESIDENT NORD RESOURCES AND MANAGING DIRECTOR SRL, IS SENDING FOLLOWING TELEX TO SRL OFFICIALS FRASER AND HANVEY: BEGIN TEXT: WOULD YOU BOTH PLEASE TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE RELEVANT OFFICIALS OF THE SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT AND ALSO TO ALL STAFF ON THE PROPERTY: CORPORATE POLICY TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE MERITS OF THE PROJECT HAS CAUSED ARMCO STEEL TO BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF SIERRA RUTILE. AFTER DISCUSSIONS AND MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF ARMCO, NORD AND EXIMBANK, BETHLEHEM HAS NOW DECIDED TO ENTER THE PROJECT BY TAKING ARMCO' S PLACE. BETHLEHEM IS THE SECOND LARGEST STEEL PRODUCER IN THE USA WITH SUBSTANTIAL MINING INTERESTS AND IS ALREADY A PARTNER WITH NORD IN AN OPERATING MINING VENTURE. BETHLEHEM' S DECISION IS NATURALLY CONTINGENT ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS SUCH AS A SITE VISIT AND ACCOUNTING STUDY OF ALL EXPENSES OF ARMCO- NORD TO DATE, WHICH IS TO START IMMEDIATELY. WE HAVE NO CONCERN BUT THAT BETHLEHEM WILL FIND ALL AS REPRESENTED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IN GOOD ORDER. BETHLEHEM PERSONNEL WILL BE ON SITE IN SIERRA LEONE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE HAVE SET MAY 31 ST AS BEING THE TARGET DATE FOR ALL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE FINALIZED, AT WHICH TIME MYSELF ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF BETHLEHEM AND PERHAPS EXIMBANK WILL WISH TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT STEVENS TO INFORM HIM OF CONTINUANCE OF THE PROJECT AND OUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHASE II. AT THAT TIME WE WILL MEET WITH ALL SENIOR STAFF ON SIERRA RUTILE AND ISSUE NEW CONTRACTS, ETC.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FINE CONTINUED WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL EMPLOYEES AND TO COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION AT SIERRA RUTILE APPROXIMATELY ON SCHEDULE. THIS MESSAGE IS SENT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF EXIMBANK, BETHLEHEM AND ARMCO AS WELL AS NORD.

CRUFT, MANAGING DIRECTOR, SIERRA RULE LIMITED. END TEXT.

2. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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